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SUBJ: CONTINUING DEBATE OVER ANTI- AMERICANISM IN FRG

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1. SUMMARY: THE STATE OF US- GERMAN RELATIONS REMAINED IN THE NEWS OVER THE WEEK- END AS GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITON LEADERS EXCHANGED CHARGES ON THE SUBJECT. CRITICISM BY CDU CHAIRMAN BARZEL OF THE CHANCELLOR' S LACK OF ACTION AGAINST " NEUTRALIST" ELEMENTS IN HIS PARTY DREW A STIFF REPLY FROM FEDERAL PRESS SPOKESMAN VON WCHMAR. MORE HEAT WAS ADDED TO THE DEBATE BY BY A REPORT ASSERTING THAT FEDERAL MINISTER BAHR HAD IN 1969 PRE- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SENTED AN AMERICAN PROFESSOR WITH A PLAN FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE NATO ALLIANCE. THERE CONTINUES TO BE MUCH SPECULATION OVER A

POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE CHANCELLOR TO THE UNITED STATES. END
SUMMARY.

2. BARZEL' S STATEMENT CAME AS ONE OF A SPATE OF COMMENTS BY HIGH OFFICIALS OF ALL THREE PARTIES WHICH APPEARED IN THE WEEK- END PRESS. IN INTERVIEWS WITH THE DETUSCHLANDFUNK AND WELT AM SONNTAG, HE CHARGED THE CHANCELLOR WITHSTANDING BY AND ALLOWING ANTI-AMERICANISM TO DEVELOP IN HIS OWN PARTY. IN BARZEL' S VIEW, BRANDT WAS ALLOWING THE SPD TO MOVE INTELLECTUALLY TOWARDS NEUTRALISM, A DEVELOPMENT WHICH COULD LEAD ONLY TO ISOLATION AND DEPENDENCE ON THE EAST.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, FEDERAL PRESS SPOKESMAN VON WECHMAR TOLD THE SOUTH GERMAN RADIO THAT IN THE VIEW OF CHANCELLOR BRANDT, THE GERMAN PUBLIC APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN OVERTAKEN BY A " PSYCHOSIS OF ANTI-AMERICANISM, WHICH IS CLEARLY WITHOUT ANY CONCRETE BASE." ACCORDING TO VON WECHMAR, THE CHANCELLOR WAS CERTAIN THAT " THAT WHICH NOW MANIFESTS ITSELF AS ANTI- AMERICANISM WILL HAVE LEFT US IN A FEW MONTHS." HOWEVER, VON WECHMAR SAID THAT THE CHANCELLOR WAS CONCERNED BY THE SITUATION, BECAUSE HE PLACED THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE ON A " SOLID AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE USA."

4. VON WECHMAR RETURNED TO THE SUBJECT OF ANTI- AMERICANISM IN A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BONN ON APRIL 2. HE TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO BARZEL' S REMARKS AND DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING " OFFICIAL REPLY" TO THE CHARGES MADE BY THE CDU CHAIRMAN: " IN THIS CONNECTION , I WOULD LIKE TO RECALL THE GOVERNMENT DECLARATION OF THE FIRST BRANDT- SCHEEL GOVERNMENT OF OCTOBER 28, 1969, AND I WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE THE DECISIVE PASSAGE WHICH REFERES TO THIS SUBJECT: ' THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, WHICH HAS PROVEN OF SUCH VALUE IN THE 20 YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE, WILL IN THE FUTURE CONTINUE TO GUARANTEE OUR SECURITY. ITS COHESION IS THE PRE- CONDITION FOR THE EFFORTS, TAKEN IN SOLIDARITY (WITH OUT ALLIES) TO REACH DETENTE IN EUROPE. THE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REMOVE FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANY DOUBT IN THE SINCERITY OF THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS ASSUMED ON THE BASIS OF TREATIES AND ON THE BASIS OF ITS OWN CONVICTIONS, FOR EUROPE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND WEST BERLIN.' "

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5. VON WECHMAR CONTINUED: " ALSO IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD LIKE TO RECALL A STATEMENT BY THE CHANCELLOR BEFORE THE BUNDESTAG FROM THE YEAR 1970 (APRIL 15), WHEN HE SAID: ' THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES MUST REMAIN ABOVE PARTY DIFFERENCES. I CAN' T HELP THOSE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT.' "

6. FINALLY, VON WECHMAR MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT: " I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING FOUR POINTS, WHICH-- JUST SO YOU

KNOW WHERE THEY COME FROM-- I HAVE CLEARED BEFOREHAND WITH THE CHANCELLOR:

- A. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WILL FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE NATO ALLIANCE COMPLETELY.
- B. THE STATE OF THE ALLIANCE AND THE CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IN THE ALLIANCE ARE QUESTIONS OF LIFE AND DEATH FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.
- C. THE STATIONING OF TROOPS OF THE ALLIANCE PARTNERS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ARE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF GERMAN SECURITY;
- D. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE AND THE STATIONING OF TROOPS OF OUR PARTNERS ARE PEECONDITIONS FOR THE CONCEPTION OF SECURITY AND DETENTE IN EUROPE BEING FOLLOWED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT."

7. IN ANSWERING JOURNALISTS QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, VON WECHMAR RETURNED TO THE CONCEPT OF " PSYCHOSIS" MENTIONED IN THE RADIO INTERVIEW OVER THE WEEK- END. IN HIS VIEW THE LAST MONTHS HAD BROUGHT A SERIES OF EVENTS WHICH, WHEN TAKEN TOGETHER, HAD CONTRIBUTED TO DEVELOPMENT OF THIS STATE OF MIND. VON WECHMAR MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION THE MONETARY PROBLEMS, TARIFF AND AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS, THE VIET NAM WAR, AND THE OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THE DANGER WAS THAT THE CONCIDENCE OF EVENTS WOULD LEAD TO " GASOLINE BEING THROWN ON THE FIRE" FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC, PARTIALLY BECUASE OF MISINFORMATION BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF PARTISAN POLITICAL INTERESTS. VON WECHMAR RECALLED THAT DURING HIS OWN TENURE AS HEAD OF THE GERMAN INFORMATION CENTER IN NEW YORK, HE HAD LIVED T ROUGH A WAVE OF ANTI- GERMAN SENTIMENT, WHICH IN MANY CASES HAD BEEN HEATED UP AGAIN AND AGAIN BY PRESS REPORTING. IN MANY CASES THIS REPORTING " WAS NOT BASED ON VERY MUCH."

8. ADDITIONAL HEAT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE DEBATE BY A REPORT WHICH APPEARED IN FRIDAY' S PRESS PURPORTING TO EXPOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLANS OF FEDERAL MINISTER EGON BAHR FOR POSSIBLE DISSOLUTION OF THE NATO ALLIANCE. PROFESSOR WALTER HAHN, DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF WASHINGTON, D. C. WAS QUOTED AS WRITING IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF ORBIS MAGAZINE THAT IN 1969 EGON BAHR PRESENTED HIM WITH A FOUR STAGE PLAN LEADING TO DISSOLUTION OF THE NATO ALLIANCE. BAHR WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN GERMANY WAS " UNNECESSARILY HIGH" AND THAT IT COULD BE REDUCED BY 50 PERCENT. OPPOSITION SPOKESMEN ATTACKED BAHR HEAVILY OVER THE WEEK- END BECAUSE OF THESE REPORTS AND OFFICIAL PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE BUNDESTAG ON THE SUBJECT BY OPPOSITION DEPUTIES.

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9. VON WECHMAR WOULD NOT SAY AT HIS MONDAY PRESS CONFERENCE
WHETHER HIS FOUR POINT DECLARATION REFERRED DIRECTLY TO THE
REPORTS OF BAHR'S VIEWS. HE SAID THAT AS LONG AS HE HAD
NOT READ THE ARTICLE IN ORBIS HE COULD GIVE NO COMMENT.
HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE REPORTED CONVERSATION
BETWEEN BAHR AND PROFESSOR HAHN HAD EVEN TAKEN PLACE.
IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, THE MATTER WOULD BE TAKEN UP
ON THURSDAY IN THE BUNDESTAG.

10. THE WEEK- END PRESS ALSO CARRIED SEVERAL SPECULATIVE
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REPORTS TO THE EFFECT THAT CHANCELLOR BRANDT WOULD VISIT
THE UNITED STATES AND CALL ON THE PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON

SOMETIME DURING 1973. DEPUTY FEDERAL PRESS SPOKESMAN GRUENEWALD TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MARCH 30 THAT THE CHANCELLOR HAD NO PLANS AT THE MOMENT TO GO TO THE US. GRUENEWALD NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT MOST OF 1973 STILL REMAINED AND SAID HE COULD NOT FORECLOSE THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A TRIP SOMETIME THIS YEAR. ARY MCDANIEL AT HEAD START AND FOLLOW THROUGH, HEW.

4. SOUTH CAROLINA/ NORTH CAROLINA. ONE DAY AT BOB JONES UNIVERSITY AND ONE DAY AT UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL; TO CONTRAST THE RANGES OF UNIVERSITY STYLES IN THE U. S.

5. GARY, INDIANA/ KENT STATE UNIVERSITY. IN GARY, TO SEE BANNEKERS SCHOOL AND PERFORMANCE CONTRACT EDUCATION IN GHETTO SCHOOLS. IN KENT STATE UNIVERSITY THE NEW " CALM" OF THE AMERICAN CAMPUS. POSSIBLE SIDE DIVERSION TO NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA TO VIEW SMALL COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND ITS ADJUSTMENT TO CHANGES IN EDUCATION, STUDENT STYLE. POSSIBLE SIDE VISIT TO CHICAGO METRO SCHOOL - SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS CONCEPT.

6. PRINCETON, NEW HAVEN, BOSTON. IN PRINCETON, MEET WILLIAM DALRYMPLE, HEAD OF HEALTH SERVICES, ON STUDENT CHANGES; IN NEW HAVEN MEET ERICH SEGAL FOR " THE SAGA OF THE SUCCESSFUL WRITER AND REJECTED ACADEMIC" AND HARVARD SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT.

7. COULD DEPARTMENT ALSO ADVISE PRESENT LOCATION AND AVAILABILITY OF DR. JAMES SHACKLEFORD, ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMIST WITH GOVERNMENT, WHO SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT SUIT AGAINST SCHOOL FOR NEW MATH NOT TEACHING SUCCESSFULLY, AND CHRISTOPHER JENKS.

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